September 28, 2020

VIA FOIAONLINE.REGULATIONS.GOV

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Pesticide Programs

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request: Acuron Report 3

Dear FOIA Officer:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended ("FOIA"), from the Center for Biological Diversity ("Center"), a non-profit organization that works to secure a future for all species hovering on the brink of extinction through science, law, and creative media, and to fulfill the continuing educational goals of its membership and the general public in the process.

REQUESTED RECORDS

The Center is requesting the following records from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Office of Pesticide Programs:

- 1. The annual reports to EPA from the registrant for the 2019 growing season as required and described in conditional provision 4.A. on page 2 of the enclosed Notice of Pesticide Registration for AcuronTM Herbicide, EPA Registration Number 100-1466. *See* Attachment A (Notice of Pesticide Registration for AcuronTM Herbicide);
- 2. From March 1, 2020 to April 15, 2020:
 - a. The records that discuss the "2018 Interim Milestone," including but not limited to whether Syngenta demonstrated a 1.6 million pound reduction of atrazine applied per year, as described in conditional provision 4.B. on page 2 of the enclosed Notice of Pesticide Registration for AcuronTM Herbicide, EPA Registration Number 100-1466. *See id.*; and
 - b. Syngenta's revisions to the label for AcuronTM Herbicide, submitted to EPA for approval in the event Syngenta did not reach the 2018 Interim Milestone, as described in conditional provision 4.B. on page 2 of the enclosed Notice of Pesticide Registration for AcuronTM Herbicide, EPA Registration Number 100-1466. *See id.*

For this request, the term "records" refers to documents, correspondence (including inter and/or intra-agency correspondence as well as correspondence with entities or individuals outside the federal government), emails, letters, notes, recordings, telephone records, telephone notes, telephone logs, text messages, chat messages, minutes, memoranda, comments, files, presentations, consultations, biological opinions, assessments, evaluations, schedules, papers published and/or unpublished, reports, studies, photographs and other images, data (including raw data, GPS or GIS data, UTM, LiDAR, etc.), maps, and/or all other responsive records, in draft or final form.

This request is not meant to exclude any other records that, although not specially requested, are reasonably related to the subject matter of this request. If you or your office have destroyed or determine to withhold any records that could be reasonably construed to be responsive to this request, I ask that you indicate this fact and the reasons therefore in your response.

Under the FOIA Improvement Act of 2016, agencies are prohibited from denying requests for information under FOIA unless the agency reasonably believes release of the information will harm an interest that is protected by the exemption. FOIA Improvement Act of 2016 (Public Law No. 114-185), codified at 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A).

Should you decide to invoke a FOIA exemption, please include sufficient information for us to assess the basis for the exemption, including any interest(s) that would be harmed by release. Please include a detailed ledger which includes:

- 1. Basic factual material about each withheld record, including the originator, date, length, general subject matter, and location of each item; and
- 2. Complete explanations and justifications for the withholding, including the specific exemption(s) under which the record (or portion thereof) was withheld and a full explanation of how each exemption applies to the withheld material. Such statements will be helpful in deciding whether to appeal an adverse determination. Your written justification may help to avoid litigation.

If you determine that portions of the records requested are exempt from disclosure, we request that you segregate the exempt portions and mail the non-exempt portions of such records to my attention at the address below within the statutory time limit. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

The Center is willing to receive records on a rolling basis.

FOIA's "frequently requested record" provision was enacted as part of the 1996 Electronic Freedom of Information Act Amendments, and requires all federal agencies to give "reading room" treatment to any FOIA-processed records that, "because of the nature of their subject matter, the agency determines have become the subject of subsequent requests for substantially the same records." *Id.* § 552(a)(2)(D)(ii)(I). Also, enacted as part of the 2016 FOIA Improvement Act, FOIA's Rule of 3 requires all federal agencies to proactively "make available for public inspection in an electronic format" "copies of records, regardless of form or format ... that have been released to any person ... and ... that have been requested 3 or more times." *Id.* §

552(a)(2)(D)(ii)(II). Therefore, we respectfully request that you make available online any records that the agency determines will become the subject of subsequent requests for substantially the same records, and records that have been requested three or more times.

Finally, agencies must preserve all the records requested herein while this FOIA is pending or under appeal. The agency shall not destroy any records while they are the subject of a pending request, appeal, or lawsuit under the FOIA. 40 C.F.R. § 2.106; see Chambers v. U.S. Dept. of Interior, 568 F.3d 998, 1004 (D.C. Cir. 2009) ("[A]n agency is not shielded from liability if it intentionally transfers or destroys a document after it has been requested under FOIA or the Privacy Act"). If any of the requested records are destroyed, the agency and responsible officials are subject to attorney fee awards and sanctions, including fines and disciplinary action. A court held an agency in contempt for "contumacious conduct" and ordered the agency to pay plaintiff's costs and fees for destroying "potentially responsive material contained on hard drives and email backup tapes." Landmark Legal Found. v. EPA, 272 F. Supp.2d 59, 62 (D.D.C. 2003); see also Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Dept. of Commerce, 384 F. Supp. 2d 163, 169 (D.D.C. 2005) (awarding attorneys' fees and costs because, among other factors, agency's "initial search was unlawful and egregiously mishandled and ...likely responsive documents were destroyed and removed"), aff'd in relevant part, 470 F.3d 363, 375 (D.C. Cir. 2006) (remanding in part to recalculate attorney fees assessed). In another case, in addition to imposing a \$10,000 fine and awarding attorneys' fees and costs, the court found that an Assistant United States Attorney prematurely "destroyed records responsive to [the] FOIA request while [the FOIA] litigation was pending" and referred him to the Department of Justice's Office of Professional Responsibility. Jefferson v. Reno, 123 F. Supp. 2d 1, 6 (D.D.C. 2000).

FORMAT OF REQUESTED RECORDS

Under FOIA, you are obligated to provide records in a readily accessible electronic format and in the format requested. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(B) ("In making any record available to a person under this paragraph, an agency shall provide the record in any form or format requested by the person if the record is readily reproducible by the agency in that form or format."). "Readily accessible" means text-searchable and OCR-formatted. See id. Pursuant to this requirement, we hereby request that you produce all records in an electronic format and in their native file formats. Additionally, please provide the records in a load-ready format with a CSV file index or Excel spreadsheet. If you produce files in .PDF format, then please omit any "portfolios" or "embedded files." Portfolios and embedded files within files are not readily accessible. Please do not provide the records in a single, or "batched," .PDF file. We appreciate the inclusion of an index.

If you should seek to withhold or redact any responsive records, we request that you: (1) identify each such record with specificity (including date, author, recipient, and parties copied); (2) explain in full the basis for withholding responsive material; and (3) provide all segregable portions of the records for which you claim a specific exemption. *Id.* § 552(b). Please correlate any redactions with specific exemptions under FOIA.

RECORD DELIVERY

We appreciate your help in expeditiously obtaining a determination on the requested records. As mandated in FOIA, we anticipate a reply within 20 working days. *Id.* § 552(a)(6)(A)(i); 21 C.F.R. § 20.41(b). Failure to comply within the statutory timeframe may result in the Center taking additional steps to ensure timely receipt of the requested materials. Please provide a complete reply as expeditiously as possible. We prefer email, but you may mail copies of records to:

Ann K. Brown Center for Biological Diversity P.O. Box 11374 Portland, OR 97211 foia@biologicaldiversity.org

If you find that this request is unclear, or if the responsive records are voluminous, please email me to discuss the scope of this request.

REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER

FOIA was designed to provide citizens a broad right to access government records. FOIA's basic purpose is to "open agency action to the light of public scrutiny," with a focus on the public's "right to be informed about what their government is up to." *NARA v. Favish*, 541 U.S. 157, 171 (2004) quoting *U.S. Dep't of Justice v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of Press*, 489 U.S. 749, 773-74 (1989) (internal quotation and citations omitted). In order to provide public access to this information, FOIA's fee waiver provision requires that "[d]ocuments shall be furnished without any charge or at a [reduced] charge," if the request satisfies the standard. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). FOIA's fee waiver requirement is "liberally construed." *Judicial Watch, Inc. v. Rossotti*, 326 F.3d 1309, 1310 (D.C. Cir. 2003); *Forest Guardians v. U.S. Dept. of Interior*, 416 F.3d 1173, 1178 (10th Cir. 2005).

The 1986 fee waiver amendments were designed specifically to provide non-profit organizations such as the Center access to government records without the payment of fees. Indeed, FOIA's fee waiver provision was intended "to prevent government agencies from using high fees to discourage certain types of requesters and requests," which are "consistently associated with requests from journalists, scholars, and *non-profit public interest groups.*" *Ettlinger v. FBI*, 596 F. Supp. 867, 872 (D. Mass. 1984) (emphasis added). As one Senator stated, "[a]gencies should not be allowed to use fees as an offensive weapon against requesters seeking access to Government information" 132 Cong. Rec. S. 14298 (statement of Senator Leahy).

I. The Center Qualifies for a Fee Waiver.

Under FOIA, a party is entitled to a fee waiver when "disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the [Federal] government and is not primarily in the commercial

interest of the requester." 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). EPA's regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(l)(1)-(3) establish the same standard.

Thus, EPA must consider six factors to determine whether a request is in the public interest: (1) whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the Federal government," (2) whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities, (3) whether the disclosure "will contribute to public understanding" of a reasonably broad audience of persons interested in the subject, (4) whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities. *Id.* § 2.107(1)(2), (5) whether a commercial interest exists and its magnitude, and (6) the primary interest in disclosure. As shown below, the Center meets each of these factors.

A. The Subject of This Request Concerns "The Operations and Activities of the Government."

The subject matter of this request concerns the operations and activities of the EPA. This request asks for: (1) the annual reports to EPA from the registrant for the 2019 growing season as required and described in conditional provision 4.A. on page 2 of the enclosed Notice of Pesticide Registration for AcuronTM Herbicide, EPA Registration Number 100-1466. *See* Attachment A; (2) from March 1, 2020 to April 15, 2020: (a) the records that discuss the "2018 Interim Milestone," including but not limited to whether Syngenta demonstrated a 1.6 million pound reduction of atrazine applied per year, as described in conditional provision 4.B. on page 2 of the enclosed Notice of Pesticide Registration for AcuronTM Herbicide, EPA Registration Number 100-1466. *See id.*; and (b) Syngenta's revisions to the label for AcuronTM Herbicide, submitted to EPA for approval in the event Syngenta did not reach the 2018 Interim Milestone, as described in conditional provision 4.B. on page 2 of the enclosed Notice of Pesticide Registration for AcuronTM Herbicide, EPA Registration Number 100-1466. *See id.*

This FOIA will provide the Center and the public with crucial insight into EPA's conditional registration of AcuronTM pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. 136a(c)(7)(C) ("FIFRA"). It is clear that a federal agency's conditional registration of a pesticide product under federal law is a specific and identifiable activity of the government, and in this case it is the executive branch agency of EPA. *Judicial Watch*, 326 F.3d at 1313 ("[R]easonable specificity is all that FOIA requires with regard to this factor") (internal quotations omitted). Thus, the Center meets this factor.

B. <u>Disclosure is "Likely to Contribute" to an Understanding of Government Operations</u> or Activities.

The requested records are meaningfully informative about government operations or activities and will contribute to an increased understanding of those operations and activities by the public.

Disclosure of the requested records will allow the Center to convey to the public information about EPA's conditional registration of AcuronTM. EPA conditionally registered AcuronTM pursuant to FIFRA, which requires EPA to determine the conditional registration is in the public

interest. However, currently this information is not publicly available. Responsive records will show whether use of Acuron results in an increase or decrease in the use of atrazine. Once the information is made available, the Center will analyze it and present it to its over 1.7 million members and online activists and the general public in a manner that will meaningfully enhance the public's understanding of this topic.

Thus, the requested records are likely to contribute to an understanding of EPA's operations and activities.

C. <u>Disclosure of the Requested Records Will Contribute to a Reasonably Broad</u>
<u>Audience of Interested Persons' Understanding of the EPA's Conditional Registration</u>
of Acuron.

The requested records will contribute to public understanding of whether Syngenta met EPA's conditional registration provisions. Furthermore, responsive records will also show whether EPA's actions are consistent with its own mission "to protect human health and the environment." As explained above, the records will contribute to public understanding of this topic.

Activities of EPA generally, and specifically whether the products it registers are environmentally safe, are areas of interest to a reasonably broad segment of the public. The Center will use the information it obtains from the disclosed records to educate the public at large about this topic. *See W. Watersheds Proj. v. Brown*, 318 F. Supp.2d 1036, 1040 (D. Idaho 2004) (finding that "WWP adequately specified the public interest to be served, that is, educating the public about the ecological conditions of the land managed by the BLM and also how ... management strategies employed by the BLM may adversely affect the environment").

Through the Center's synthesis and dissemination (by means discussed in Section II, below), disclosure of information contained in and gleaned from the requested records will contribute to a broad audience of persons who are interested in the subject matter. *Ettlinger v. FBI*, 596 F. Supp. at 876 (benefit to a population group of some size distinct from the requester alone is sufficient); *Carney v. Dept. of Justice*, 19 F.3d 807, 815 (2d Cir. 1994), *cert. denied*, 513 U.S. 823 (1994) (applying "public" to require a sufficient "breadth of benefit" beyond the requester's own interests); *Cmty. Legal Servs. v. Dep't of Hous. & Urban Dev.*, 405 F. Supp.2d 553, 557 (E.D. Pa. 2005) (in granting fee waiver to community legal group, court noted that while the requester's "work by its nature is unlikely to reach a very general audience," "there is a segment of the public that is interested in its work").

Indeed, the public does not currently have an ability to easily evaluate the requested records, which are not currently in the public domain. *See Cmty. Legal Servs.*, 405 F. Supp.2d at 560 (because requested records "clarify important facts" about agency policy, "the CLS request would likely shed light on information that is new to the interested public."). As the Ninth Circuit observed in *McClellan Ecological Seepage Situation v. Carlucci*, 835 F.2d 1282, 1286 (9th Cir. 1987), "[FOIA] legislative history suggests that information [has more potential to

¹ EPA, *About EPA: Our Mission and What We Do*, https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/our-mission-and-what-we-do (last visited Sep. 28, 2020).

contribute to public understanding] to the degree that the information is new and supports public oversight of agency operations...."^{2[1]}

Disclosure of these records is not only "likely to contribute," but is certain to contribute to the public's understanding of the impact AcuronTM has on human health and the environment. The public is always well served when it knows how the government conducts its activities, particularly matters touching on legal questions. Hence, there can be no dispute that disclosure of the requested records to the public will educate the public about this topic.

II. <u>Disclosure is Likely to Contribute Significantly to Public Understanding of Government Operations or Activities.</u>

The Center is not requesting these records merely for their intrinsic informational value. Disclosure of the requested records will significantly enhance the public's understanding of whether AcuronTM is safe for use, as compared to the level of public understanding that exists prior to the disclosure. Indeed, public understanding will be *significantly* increased as a result of disclosure because the requested records will help reveal more about this subject matter.

The records are also certain to shed light on Syngenta's compliance with EPA's conditional registration requirements, and EPA's compliance with its own mission. Such public oversight of agency action is vital to our democratic system and clearly envisioned by the drafters of the FOIA. Thus, the Center meets this factor as well.

III. Obtaining the Requested Records is of No Commercial Interest to the Center.

Access to government records, disclosure forms, and similar materials through FOIA requests is essential to the Center's role of educating the general public. Founded in 1994, the Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit conservation organization (EIN: 27-3943866) with more than over 1.7 million members and online activists dedicated to the protection of endangered and threatened species and wild places. The Center has no commercial interest and will realize no commercial benefit from the release of the requested records.

IV. The Center's Primary Interest in Disclosure is the Public Interest.

As stated above, the Center has no commercial interest that would be furthered by disclosure. Although even if it did have an interest, the public interest would far outweigh any pecuniary interest.

The Center is a non-profit organization that informs, educates, and counsels the public regarding environmental issues, policies, and laws relating to environmental issues. The Center has been substantially involved in the activities of numerous government agencies for over 30 years, and has consistently displayed its ability to disseminate information granted to it through FOIA.

² In this connection, it is immaterial whether any portion of the Center's request may currently be in the public domain because the Center requests considerably more than any piece of information that may currently be available to other individuals. *See Judicial Watch*, 326 F.3d at 1315.

In consistently granting the Center's fee waivers, agencies have recognized: (1) that the information requested by the Center contributes significantly to the public's understanding of the government's operations or activities; (2) that the information enhances the public's understanding to a greater degree than currently exists; (3) that the Center possesses the expertise to explain the requested information to the public; (4) that the Center possesses the ability to disseminate the requested information to the general public; (5) and that the news media recognizes the Center as an established expert in the field of imperiled species, biodiversity, and impacts on protected species. The Center's track record of active participation in oversight of governmental activities and decision making, and its consistent contribution to the public's understanding of those activities as compared to the level of public understanding prior to disclosure are well established.

The Center intends to use the records requested here similarly. The Center's work appears in over 5,000 news stories online and in print, radio and TV per month, including regular reporting in such important outlets as *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Guardian*, and *Los Angeles Times*. Many media outlets have reported on the toxicity of pesticides on human and environmental health utilizing information obtained by the Center from federal agencies, including EPA. In 2019, more than 2.9 million people visited the Center's extensive website, and viewed pages a total of 5.3 million times. The Center sends out more than 297 email newsletters and action alerts per year to more than over 1.7 million members and supporters. Three times a year, the Center sends printed newsletters to more than 81,843 members. More than 576,500 people follow the Center on Facebook, and there are regular postings regarding environmental protection. The Center also regularly tweets to more than 93,200 followers on Twitter. The Center intends to use any or all of these far-reaching media outlets to share with the public information obtained as a result of this request.

Public oversight and enhanced understanding of the EPA's duties is absolutely necessary. In determining whether disclosure of requested information will contribute significantly to public understanding, a guiding test is whether the requester will disseminate the information to a reasonably broad audience of persons interested in the subject. *Carney*, 19 F.3d 807. The Center need not show how it intends to distribute the information, because "[n]othing in FOIA, the [agency] regulation, or our case law require[s] such pointless specificity." *Judicial Watch*, 326 F.3d at 1314. It is sufficient for the Center to show how it distributes information to the public generally. *Id*.

V. Conclusion

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Center qualifies for a full fee waiver. We hope that EPA will immediately grant this fee waiver request and begin to search and disclose the requested records without any unnecessary delays.

If you have any questions, please contact me at foia@biologicaldiversity.org. All records and any related correspondence should be sent to my attention at the address below.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Attachment A (Notice of Pesticide Registration for AcuronTM Herbicide)

Attachment A



U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Office of Pesticide Programs Registration Division (7505P) 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

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Date of Issuance:

EPA Reg. Number:

04/24/2015

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X Registration Reregistration (under FIFRA, as amended) Term of Issuance: Conditional

Name of Pesticide Product: AcuronTM Herbicide

Name and Address of Registrant (include ZIP Code):

Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC P.O. Box 18300 Greensboro, NC 27419

Note: Changes in labeling differing in substance from that accepted in connection with this registration must be submitted to and accepted by the Registration Division prior to use of the label in commerce. In any correspondence on this product always refer to the above EPA registration number.

On the basis of information furnished by the registrant, the above named pesticide is hereby registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act.

Registration is in no way to be construed as an endorsement or recommendation of this product by the Agency. In order to protect health and the environment, the Administrator, on his motion, may at any time suspend or cancel the registration of a pesticide in accordance with the Act. The acceptance of any name in connection with the registration of a product under this Act is not to be construed as giving the registrant a right to exclusive use of the name or to its use if it has been covered by others.

This product is conditionally registered in accordance with FIFRA section 3(c)(7)(C) provided that you:

1. Submit and/or cite all data required for registration/registration/registration review of your product when the Agency requires all registrants of similar products to submit such data.

Signature of Approving Official:	Date:
Rachel C. Holloman	04/24/2015
Rachel Holloman, Branch Chief	
Fungicide and Herbicide Branch, Registration Division (7505P)	

- 2. Make the following label changes before you release the product for shipment:
 - Revise the EPA Registration Number to read, "EPA Reg. No. 100-1466."
- 3. You are required to submit to the Agency: acute and chronic studies of bicyclopyrone on honey bee larval development and survival, and chronic studies of adult bees. The deadline for you to submit these required data to the Agency is 4/21/18. Your failure to provide these data in a timely or adequate manner may result in initiation of a cancellation action against your registration.
- 4. A. Annual reports: Syngenta will provide an annual report to EPA no later than March 31 of each year following Acuron's first full launch year (the first full launch year currently is anticipated to be 2016 and, if so, the first report would be made in March of 2017). The report will include data on the total application of specific herbicide products to corn grown in the U.S. in the preceding year.
 - B. 2018 Interim Milestone: In the annual report on the 2018 growing season (provided in March of 2019) Syngenta will demonstrate a 1.6 million pound reduction of atrazine applied per year on base acres treated with the specific Syngenta products compared to the baseline (referred to as "the interim milestone"). If this interim milestone is not reached, no later than April 15, 2019, Syngenta will submit for EPA approval revisions to the label for Acuron which include a reduction or prohibition of the use of additional atrazine in tank-mixing or sequential use (or other measures agreed upon with EPA prior to that date) that would be consistent with achieving the 2020 atrazine reduction milestone. Provided that EPA approves the label revisions by May 31, 2019, this revised label must be on all Acuron product (100-1466) that Syngenta releases for shipment as of September 30, 2019. If Syngenta submits label revisions by April 15, 2019, but EPA has not approved the label revisions by May 31, EPA and Syngenta will discuss and establish a revised schedule for making the revisions.
 - C. 2020 Milestone: In the annual report on the 2020 growing season (provided in March of 2021), Syngenta will demonstrate an approximately 3.6 million pound reduction of atrazine. If the 2018 interim milestone is reached but the 2020 milestone is not reached, no later than April 15, 2021, Syngenta will submit for EPA approval revisions to the label for Acuron which include a reduction or prohibition of the use of additional atrazine in tank-mixing or sequential use (or other measures agreed upon with EPA prior to that date) that would be consistent with achieving the 2020 atrazine reduction milestone in the 2021 growing season. (Meeting the 2020 atrazine reduction milestone in either 2020 or 2021 is referred to as "the milestone"). Provided that Syngenta submits label revisions by April 15, 2021, and EPA approves the label revisions by May 31, 2021, this revised label must be on all Acuron product (100-1466) that Syngenta releases for shipment as of September 30, 2021. If Syngenta submits the label revisions by April 15, 2021, but EPA has not approved the label revisions by May 31, EPA and Syngenta will discuss and establish a revised schedule for making the revisions.
- 5. A. Failure to Achieve Herbicide Use Reduction: If neither the 2018 nor the 2020 reduction milestone is reached, Syngenta agrees that EPA may, at its sole discretion, issue an order

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> cancelling the 100-1466 registration without a hearing (subject to the rights reserved in paragraph 5.B. below). If the 2018 milestone is reached, the 2020 milestone is not reached, label revisions are undertaken for the 2021 growing season as provided above, and the 2020 milestone is not reached in the 2021 growing season (as demonstrated by the annual report submitted in March 2022), then Syngenta agrees that EPA may, at its sole discretion, issue an order cancelling the 100-1466 registration without a hearing (subject to the rights reserved in paragraph 5.B. below). Before issuing any such order based on either of those two possibilities, EPA will consider the actual use reduction achieved and any other factors that may have affected the use reductions that were outside of Syngenta's control. If EPA nonetheless decides to issue a cancellation order, it will notify Syngenta in writing of its intention to cancel the registration and will specify in such notification the basis for its conclusion that Syngenta has failed to meet the 2020 milestone in the 2020 or 2021 growing season, whichever applies. If within ten (10) business days of receipt of such notification Syngenta submits to the agency a request in writing to meet with the Director of the Office of Pesticide Programs ("Office Director") before a cancellation order is issued, the agency will not issue a cancellation order before providing Syngenta an opportunity to meet with the Office Director to discuss whether cancellation is appropriate. The decision of the Office Director thereafter shall be final. Syngenta agrees to issuance of a cancellation order pursuant to this paragraph provided that it would contain provisions allowing Syngenta to sell remaining 100-1466 stocks (produced, labeled, and released for shipment as of the effective date of cancellation); allowing persons other than Syngenta to sell and distribute existing stocks; and allowing use of such existing stocks in accordance with the label on the product until exhausted.

- B. Syngenta agrees that it will not challenge (or provide financial or technical assistance to anyone challenging) in any administrative forum the issuance of any cancellation order that conforms to all the terms of paragraph 5.A. of this notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, nothing in this paragraph shall limit Syngenta's right to: 1) defend against an EPA cancellation proceeding brought outside the terms of this letter; 2) support or participate in any action (in any forum) that challenges any EPA policy or practice of general applicability that may affect the ultimate requirements set forth in EPA's registration approval letter for 100-1466, including the support of or participation in the activities of any trade association or coalition that is involved in any such challenge; 3) defend any personal injury, toxic tort, or other such suit and raise any defense in such suit; 4) submit applications to amend any requirement or milestone in this letter; or 5) enforce rights under FIFRA or EPA's implementing regulations other than rights waived in this letter.
- 6. A. Sustained Achievement: The atrazine reduction addressed in this notice will be sustained. Syngenta will continue annual reporting until March 31, 2024, or until such time that the 2020 milestone has been documented in three consecutive annual reports, whichever is sooner.
 - B. Syngenta will also develop and submit for EPA approval a product stewardship program designed to achieve the milestone. The program will commence upon EPA approval, and will include at least the following elements:
 - The ability to minimize the tank-mixing of additional herbicides with Acuron due to the high level of control of difficult weeds provided by bicyclopyrone. For example, awareness of

reduced atrazine rates needed to achieve weed control with Acuron, as well as the excellent fit for Acuron in one-pass weed control programs in corn will be included.

- The key benefits of the diversity of multiple mode-of-action active ingredients for management of resistant weeds.
- The importance of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and soil stewardship practices (such as low/no-till practices).
- Education and outreach on watershed stewardship and conservation practices, and the use of Best Management Practices to reduce the offsite movement of
- 7. Submit one copy of the revised final printed label for the record before you release the product for shipment.

Should you wish to add/retain a reference to the company's website on your label, then please be aware that the website becomes labeling under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and is subject to review by the Agency. If the website is false or misleading, the product would be misbranded and unlawful to sell or distribute under FIFRA section 12(a)(1)(E). 40 CFR 156.10(a)(5) list examples of statements EPA may consider false or misleading. In addition, regardless of whether a website is referenced on your product's label, claims made on the website may not substantially differ from those claims approved through the registration process. Therefore, should the Agency find or if it is brought to our attention that a website contains false or misleading statements or claims substantially differing from the EPA approved registration, the website will be referred to the EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance.

If you fail to satisfy these data requirements, EPA will consider appropriate regulatory action including, among other things, cancellation under FIFRA section 6(e). Your release for shipment of the product constitutes acceptance of these conditions. A stamped copy of the label is enclosed for your records. Please also note that the record for this product currently contains the following CSFs:

- c. Basic CSF dated 9-6-12
- d. Alternate CSF #1 dated 9-6-12
- e. Alternate CSF #2 dated 9-6-12

If you have any questions, please contact Erik Kraft by phone at 703-308-9358, or via email at kraft.erik@epa.gov.

Rachel Holloman, Branch Chief

Rachel C. Holloman

Fungicide and Herbicide Branch, Registration Division (7505P)

RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE (GROUND AND SURFACE WATER CONCERNS)

FOR RETAIL SALE TO AND USE ONLY BY CERTIFIED APPLICATORS OR PERSONS UNDER THEIR DIRECT SUPERVISION, AND ONLY FOR THOSE USES COVERED BY THE CERTIFIED APPLICATOR'S CERTIFICATION.

THIS PRODUCT IS A RESTRICTED-USE HERBICIDE DUE TO GROUND AND SURFACE WATER CONCERNS. USERS MUST READ AND FOLLOW ALL PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE POTENTIAL FOR ATRAZINE TO REACH GROUND AND SURFACE WATER.

Sale, use and distribution of this product in Nassau and Suffolk Counties in the State of New York is prohibited.

GROUP 5 15 27 HERBICIDES

Acuron™ Herbicide

A Herbicide for Control of Annual Grass and Broadleaf Weeds in Field Corn, Seed Corn, Silage Corn, Sweet Corn and Yellow Popcorn

Active Ingredients*:

S-Metolachlor: (CAS No. 87392-12-9)	23.40%
Atrazine**: (CAS No. 1912-24-9)	
Mesotrione: (CAS No. 104206-82-8)	
Bicyclopyrone: (CAS No. 352010-68-5)	
Other Ingredients:	62.42%
Total:	100.00%

^{*}Active ingredients per gallon: Atrazine 1.0 pound, Bicyclopyrone 0.06 pounds, Mesotrione 0.24 pounds and S-metolachlor 2.14 pounds.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

CAUTION

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Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act as amended, for the pesticide registered under EPA Reg. No. 100-1466

See additional precautionary statements and directions for use on label.

EPA Reg. No. 100-XXXX

2.5 gallons120 gallons220 gallons330 gallons____ gallons[bulk]Net ContentsNet ContentsNet ContentsNet Contents

^{**}Atrazine with a maximum of 0.45% related triazines.

FIRST AID				
If swallowed	Call a Poison Control Center or doctor immediately for treatment advice.			
	 Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. 			
	 Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control 			
	center or doctor.			
	Do not give anything to an unconscious person.			
If in eyes	Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20 minutes.			
	 Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then 			
	continue rinsing eye.			
	Call a Poison Control Center or doctor for treatment advice.			
If on skin or • Take off contaminated clothing.				
clothing	Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.			
Call a Poison Control Center or doctor for treatment advice.				
If inhaled	Move person to fresh air.			
 If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible. 				
Call a Poison Control Center or doctor for further treatment advice.				
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or				
doctor, or going for treatment.				
HOT LINE NUMBER				
	24 Hour Medical Emergency Assistance (Human or Animal)			
or Chemical Emergency Assistance (Spill, Leak, Fire or Accident),				
Call				
1-800-888-8372				

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION

Harmful if swallowed. Causes moderate eye injury. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, or clothing. Prolonged or frequently repeated skin contact may cause allergic reactions in some individuals.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Some materials that are chemical-resistant to this product are listed below.

Mixers, Loaders, Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Coveralls over short-sleeved shirt and short pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves Category A (e.g. barrier laminate, butyl rubber, nitrile rubber, neoprene rubber, natural rubber, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or Viton®)
- Chemical-resistant footwear plus socks
- Chemical-resistant apron when mixing/loading, cleaning up spills, or cleaning equipment, or otherwise exposed to the concentrate
- Chemical-resistant headgear for overhead exposure.

See engineering controls for additional requirements

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables exist, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry. Discard clothing and other absorbent materials that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with this product's concentrate. Do not reuse them.

Engineering Control Statements

When applicators use closed systems or enclosed cabs in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170.240(d)(5)], the handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

User Safety Recommendations Users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

Environmental Hazards

Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment wash water or rinsate. This product contains atrazine, which has been shown to be toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Runoff and drift from treated areas may be hazardous to aquatic organisms in neighboring areas. Do not apply when weather conditions favor drift from treated areas.

Ground Water Advisory

Acuron contains the active ingredients atrazine, S-metolachlor, and bicyclopyrone.

Atrazine can travel (seep or leach) through soil and can enter ground water which may be used as drinking water. Atrazine has been found in ground water. Users are advised not to apply atrazine to sand and loamy sand soils where the water table (ground water) is close to the surface and where these soils are very permeable, i.e., well-drained. Your local agricultural agencies can provide further information on the type of soil in your area and the location of ground water.

S-metolachlor has the potential to leach through soil into ground water under certain conditions as a result of agricultural use. Use of this product in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow may result in ground water contamination.

Bicyclopyrone is known to leach through soil into ground water under certain conditions as a result of label use. This chemical may leach into ground water if used in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow.

Surface Water Advisory

This product has a high potential for reaching surface water via runoff for several months or more after application. A level, well-maintained vegetative buffer strip between areas to which this product is applied and surface water features such as ponds, streams, and springs will reduce the potential loading of bicyclopyrone from runoff water and sediment. Runoff of this product will be reduced by avoiding applications when rainfall or irrigation is expected to occur within 48 hours.

Mixing/Loading Instructions

Care must be taken when using this product to prevent back-siphoning into wells, spills, or improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixtures, or rinsates.

Check valves or antisiphoning devices must be used on mixing equipment.

This product must not be mixed/loaded or used within 50 ft. of wells, including abandoned wells, drainage wells, and sink holes. Operations that involve mixing, loading, rinsing, or washing to this product into or from pesticide handling or application equipment or containers within 50 ft. of any well are prohibited, unless conducted on an impervious pad constructed to withstand the weight of the heaviest load that may be positioned on or moved across the pad. Such a pad shall be designed and maintained to contain any product spills or equipment leaks, container or equipment rinse or wash water, and rain water that may fall on the pad. Surface water shall not be allowed to either flow over or from the pad, which means the pad must be self-contained. The pad

shall be sloped to facilitate material removal. An unroofed pad shall be of sufficient capacity to contain, at a minimum, 110% of the capacity of the largest pesticide container or application equipment on the pad. A pad that is covered by a roof of sufficient size to completely exclude precipitation from contact with the pad shall have a minimum containment capacity of 100% of the capacity of the largest pesticide container or application equipment on the pad. Containment capacities as described above shall be maintained at all times. The above specified minimum containment capacities do not apply to vehicles when delivering pesticide shipments to the mixing/loading site.

Additional State imposed requirements regarding well head setbacks and operational area containment must be observed.

This product must not be mixed or loaded within 50 ft. of perennial or intermittent streams and rivers, natural or impounded lakes and reservoirs. This product may not be applied within 66 ft. of the points where field surface water runoff enters perennial or intermittent streams and rivers or within 200 ft. from the edge of natural or impounded lakes and reservoirs. If this product is applied to highly erodible land, the 66 ft. buffer or setback from runoff entry points must be planted to crop, or seeded with grass or other suitable crop.

Tile-Outletted Terraced Fields Containing Standpipes

One of the following restrictions must be used in applying atrazine to tile-outletted terraced fields containing standpipes:

- 1. Do not apply this product within 66 ft. of standpipes in tile-outletted terraced fields.
- 2. Apply this product to the entire tile-outletted terraced field and immediately incorporate it to a depth of 2-3 inches in the entire field.
- 3. Apply this product to the entire tile-outletted terraced field under a no-till practice only when a high crop residue management practice is practiced. High crop residue management is described as a crop management practice where little or no crop residue is removed from the field during and after crop harvest.

Physical and Chemical Hazards

Do not use or store near heat or open flame.

CONDITIONS OF SALE AND LIMITATION OF WARRANTY AND LIABILITY

NOTICE: Read the entire Directions for Use and Conditions of Sale and Limitation of Warranty and Liability before buying or using this product. If the terms are not acceptable, return the product at once, unopened, and the purchase price will be refunded.

The Directions for Use of this product must be followed carefully. It is impossible to eliminate all risks inherently associated with the use of this product. Crop injury, ineffectiveness or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as manner of use or application, weather or crop conditions, presence of other materials or other influencing factors in the use of the product, which are beyond the control of SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION, LLC or Seller. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Buyer and User agree to hold SYNGENTA and Seller harmless for any claims relating to such factors.

SYNGENTA warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably fit for the purposes stated in the Directions for Use, subject to the inherent risks referred to above, when used in accordance with directions under normal use conditions. To the extent permitted by applicable law: (1) this warranty does not extend to the use of the product contrary to label instructions, or under conditions not reasonably foreseeable to or beyond the control of Seller or SYNGENTA, and, (2) Buyer and User assume the risk of any such use. To the extent permitted by applicable law, SYNGENTA MAKES NO WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE NOR ANY OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY EXCEPT AS WARRANTED BY THIS LABEL.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, in no event shall SYNGENTA or Seller be liable for any incidental, consequential or special damages resulting from the use or handling of this product. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY OF THE USER OR BUYER, AND THE EXCLUSIVE LIABILITY OF SYNGENTA AND SELLER FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, INJURIES OR DAMAGES (INCLUDING CLAIMS BASED ON BREACH OF WARRANTY, CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHERWISE) RESULTING FROM THE USE OR HANDLING OF THIS PRODUCT, SHALL BE THE RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PRODUCT OR, AT THE ELECTION OF SYNGENTA OR SELLER, THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PRODUCT.

SYNGENTA and Seller offer this product, and Buyer and User accept it, subject to the foregoing Conditions of Sale and Limitation of Warranty and Liability, which may not be modified except by written agreement signed by a duly authorized representative of SYNGENTA.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

ANY USE OF THIS PRODUCT IN AN AREA WHERE USE IS PROHIBITED IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW. Before using this product, you must consult the Atrazine Watershed Information Center (AWIC) to determine whether the use of this product is prohibited in your watershed. AWIC can be accessed through www.atrazine-watershed.info or 1-866-365-3014. If use of this product is prohibited in your watershed, you may return this product to your point of purchase or contact Syngenta Crop Protection, LLC for a refund.

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only protected handlers may be in the area during application. For any requirements specific to your State or Tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment (PPE), and restricted-entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

Do not enter or allow worker entry into treated areas during the restricted-entry interval (REI) of 24 hours.

For early entry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated, such as plants, soil and water, wear:

- Coveralls over short-sleeved shirt and short pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves Category A (e.g. barrier laminate, butyl rubber, nitrile rubber, neoprene rubber, natural rubber, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or Viton)
- Chemical resistant footwear plus socks
- Chemical-resistant headgear for overhead exposure.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS FOR USE AND PRECAUTIONS ON THIS LABEL MAY RESULT IN POOR WEED CONTROL, CROP INJURY, OR ILLEGAL RESIDUES.

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

Acuron may be used preemergence and postemergence in the culture of field corn, seed corn, and silage corn. Acuron may also be used in the culture of sweet corn and yellow popcorn but the application must be made prior to crop emergence, (i.e., preemergence) or severe crop injury may occur.

Acuron is a combination of the herbicides: atrazine, bicyclopyrone, mesotrione and S-metolachlor plus the safener benoxacor. Acuron is recommended for management of the weed species listed in Tables 1 and 2.

ATRAZINE, MESOTRIONE AND S-METOLACHLOR HERBICIDE RATE LIMITATIONS

Certain states may have established rate limitations within specific geographical areas for the use of atrazine. These more restrictive/protective requirements must be followed. Consult your state lead pesticide control agency for additional information. It is a violation of this label to deviate from state use regulations.

- When tank mixing or sequentially applying atrazine or products containing atrazine
 with Acuron to corn, do not exceed an application rate of 2.0 lb active ingredient of
 atrazine per acre for any single application and the total pounds of atrazine applied
 (lb. a.i. per acre) must not exceed 2.5 lb active ingredient per acre per year.
- Maximum broadcast application rates for atrazine in corn must be as follows:
 - o If no atrazine was applied prior to corn emergence, apply a maximum of 2.0 lb. a.i./A broadcast. If a postemergence treatment is required following an earlier herbicide application, the total atrazine applied may not exceed 2.5 lbs. a.i./A per calendar year.
 - Apply a maximum of 2.0 lb. a.i./A as a single preemergence application on soils that are not highly erodible or on highly erodible soils (as defined by the Natural Resource Conservation Service) if at least 30% of the soil is covered with plant residues.
 - Apply a maximum of 1.6 lb. a.i./A as a single preemergence application on highly erodible (as defined by the Natural Resource Conservation Service) soils if <30% of the surface is covered with plant residues; or 2.0 lbs. a.i./A if only applied postemergence.

Note: For purposes of calculating total atrazine active ingredient applied, Acuron contains 1.0 lb. a.i. atrazine plus related per gallon.

Do not exceed label dosage rates, nor combined maximum annual rates for mesotrione (no more than 0.24 lb of mesotrione active ingredient must be applied per acre of corn per year), and S-metolachlor (the maximum annual use rate per year is 3.71 lb ai/A for corn). Do not apply more than 0.045 lb ai/A of bicyclopyrone for corn.

ACURON USE PRECAUTIONS

- Applied according to directions and under normal growing conditions, Acuron will not harm the treated crop. During germination and early stages of growth, extended periods of unusually cold and wet or hot and dry weather, insect or plant disease attack, carryover pesticide residues, the use of certain soil applied systemic insecticides, improperly placed fertilizers or soil insecticides, may weaken crop seedlings. Acuron used under these conditions could result in crop injury.
- Where reference is made to weeds partially controlled, partial control can either mean erratic control from good to poor or consistent control at a level below that generally considered acceptable for commercial weed control.
- Dry weather following preemergence application of Acuron or a Acuron tank mixture may reduce effectiveness. If possible, cultivate if weeds develop.
- Applying Acuron postemergence to corn that has received an at-plant application of Counter® insecticide can result in severe corn injury. Temporary corn injury may occur if Acuron is applied to emerged corn where organophosphate insecticides other than Counter were applied at planting.
- Postemergence (emerged corn) applications of any organophosphate or carbamate insecticide within 7 days before or 7 days after a Acuron application may result in severe corn injury.

ACURON USE RESTRICTIONS

- Grazing Restriction: To avoid possible illegal residues, do not graze or feed forage from treated areas for 45 days following application.
- Pre-Harvest Interval (PHI): Corn (for grain, seed, or silage) may be treated up to 12 inches tall. Do not harvest forage within 60 days after application.
- Do not apply more than 3.0 qt of Acuron per acre per growing year.
- Do not use aerial application to apply Acuron.
- Do not apply Acuron to sweet corn or yellow popcorn after the crop has emerged or severe crop injury may occur.

- Do not use Acuron on any crop other than corn (for grain, seed, or silage), sweet corn (preemergence applications only) or yellow popcorn (preemergence applications only).
- Do not use Acuron in the culture of white popcorn or ornamental (Indian) corn or injury may occur.
- Do not contaminate irrigation water used for crops or water used for domestic purposes.
- Thoroughly clean sprayer or other application device before using. Dispose of cleaning solution in a responsible manner. Do not use a sprayer or applicator contaminated with other materials, or crop damage or sprayer clogging of the application device may occur.
- Read and observe all precautions and limitations on this label and the label of each product used in tank mixtures.
- Do not make postemergence (emerged corn) applications of Acuron in a tank mix with any organophosphate or carbamate insecticide, or severe corn injury may occur.
- Do not apply under conditions which favor runoff or wind erosion of soil containing this product to non-target areas. To prevent off-site movement due to runoff or wind erosion:
 - Avoid treating powdery dry or light sand soils when conditions are favorable for wind erosion. Under these conditions, the soil surface should first be settled by rainfall or irrigation.
 - Do not apply to impervious substrates, such as paved or highly compacted surfaces.
 - Do not use tail water from the first flood or furrow irrigation of treated fields to treat nontarget crops, unless at least ½ inch of rainfall has occurred between application and the first irrigation.

RESISTANCE MANAGEMENT

Acuron is a combination of atrazine, bicyclopyrone, mesotrione and S-metolachlor (Group 5 (atrazine), 15 (S-metolachlor), and 27 (bicyclopyrone and mesotrione) Herbicides).

Naturally occurring biotypes of certain weed species with resistance to triazines, ALS, PPO, Glycine (glyphosate) and HPPD herbicides are known to exist. If biotypes of weeds resistant to triazines, ALS, PPO and glycine inhibitors are present in the field, this herbicide should control them if they are listed in Tables 1 and 2.

To reduce the risk of weeds developing resistance to HPPD inhibitors, implement a program including both preemergence and/or postemergence herbicides that provide effective control of all weeds using multiple modes of action. This includes scouting fields before application to ensure the herbicide will be appropriate for the weeds present. Scout fields and eliminate weed escapes. If suspected weed resistance is observed against a particular weed species contact your Syngenta or retailer representative or call Syngenta Customer Service (1-800-334-9481). Lack of weed control is not necessarily an indicator of weed resistance.

Consider weed resistance management strategies that include two or more modes of action where a minimum of two modes of action are effective at controlling the target weed when either are applied alone.

Read and follow all label directions.

Acuron Herbicide contains four herbicide active ingredients and three modes of action and can be an effective component of a weed resistance management strategy.

INTEGRATED PEST (WEED) MANAGEMENT

Acuron may be integrated into an overall pest management strategy. Practices known to reduce weed development (tillage, crop competition) and herbicide use (weed scouting, proper application timing, banding, and rotations) should be followed wherever possible. Consult local agricultural and weed authorities for additional Integrated Pest Management strategies established for your area.

SOIL ORGANIC MATTER

The organic matter of the soil on which the application is to be made must be known or determined prior to application. The use rate of Acuron is based on percent soil organic matter.

REDUCED AND NO-TILL SYSTEMS

Acuron may be used in reduced and no-till systems. The highest levels of control will be obtained when applications are made as close to planting as possible. It is recommended that a burndown herbicide such as Gramoxone®, Touchdown® brands, Roundup® brands, or 2,4-D be tank mixed with Acuron in reduced or no-till systems if weeds are present at application and the corn has not yet emerged.

WEEDS CONTROLLED

Acuron applied as directed in this label will control or suppress the weeds listed in Tables 1 and 2. Additional weeds may be controlled with tank mixes. See the **Acuron Tank Mix Combinations** section for recommended tank mix combinations. Always

consult the tank mix product labels for specific rates and use directions.

Table 1. Weeds Controlled or Partially Controlled by Preemergence Applications of Acuron

Common Name	Scientific Name	Weed Rating ¹
Broadleaf Weeds		
Amaranth, Palmer	Amaranthus palmeri	С
Amaranth, Powell	Amaranthus powellii	С
Bedstraw, catchweed	Galium aparine	PC
Beggarweed, Florida	Desmodium tortuosum	С
Buckwheat, wild	Polygonum convolvulus	С
Buffalobur	Solanum rostratum	С
Carpetweed	Mollugo verticillata	С
Chickweed, common	Stellaria media	С
Cocklebur, common	Xanthium strumarium	C ²
Deadnettle, purple	Lamium purpureum	С
Devil's-claw	Proboscidea louisianica	С
Galinsoga	Galinsoga parviflora	С
Henbit	Lamium amplexicaule	С
Horseweed (marestail)	Conyza Canadensis	С
Jimsonweed	Datura stramonium	С
Kochia	Kochia scoparia	С
Lambsquarters, common	Chenopodium album	С
Mallow, Venice	Hibiscus trionum	С
Morningglory, ivyleaf/entireleaf	Ipomoea hederacea	C ²
Mustard, wild	Brassica kaber	С
Nightshade, black	Solanum nigrum	С
Nightshade, eastern black	Solanum ptycanthum	С
Nightshade, hairy	Solanum sarrachoides	С
Pigweed, redroot	Amaranthus retroflexus	С
Pigweed, smooth	Amaranthus hybridus	С
Puncturevine	Tribulus terrestris	С
Purslane, common	Portulaca oleracea	С
Pusley, Florida	Richardia scabra	С

Common Name	Scientific Name	Weed Rating ¹
Radish, wild	Raphanus raphanistrum	С
Ragweed, common	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	С
Ragweed, giant	Ambrosia trifida	С
Sesbania, hemp	Sesbania exaltata	С
Shepherd's-purse	Capsella bursa-pastoris	С
Sicklepod	Cassia obtusifolia	С
Sida, prickly	Sida spinosa	PC
Smartweed, ladysthumb	Polygonum persicaria	С
Smartweed, Pennsylvania	Polygonum pensylvanicum	С
Sunflower, common	Helianthus annus	PC
Thistle, Russian	Salsola tragus	С
Velvetleaf	Abutilon theophrasti	С
Waterhemp, common	Amaranthus rudis	С
Waterhemp, tall	Amaranthus tuberculatus	С
Grass Weeds		
Barnyardgrass	Echinochloa crus-galli	С
Crabgrass	Digitaria spp.	С
Crowfootgrass	Dactyloctenium aegyptium	С
Cupgrass, prairie	Eriochloa contracta	С
Cupgrass, Southwestern	Eriochloa gracilis	С
Cupgrass, woolly	Eriochloa villosa	PC
Foxtail, giant	Setaria faberi	С
Foxtail, green	Setaria viridis	С
Foxtail, robust (purple, white)	Setaria spp.	С
Foxtail, yellow	Setaria pumila	С
Goosegrass	Eleusine indica	С
Johnsongrass, seedling	Sorghum halepense	PC
Millet, foxtail	Setaria italica	С
Millet, wild proso	Panicum miliaceum	PC
Panicum, Texas	Panicum texanum	PC
Rice, red	Oryza sativa	С
Sandbur, field	Cenchrus incertus	PC
Shattercane	Sorghum bicolor	PC

Common Name	Scientific Name	Weed Rating ¹
Signalgrass, broadleaf	Brachiaria platyphylla	C^2
Signalgrass, narrowleaf	Brachiaria piligera	С
Sprangletop, red	Leptochloa filiformis	С
Starbur, bristly	Acanthospermum hispidum	С
Witchgrass	Panicum capillare	С
Sedges		
Nutsedge, Yellow	Cyperus esculentus	С

¹ C = Control, PC = Partial Control

Thoroughly till soil or make an application of a burndown herbicide to control emerging weeds. Plant crop immediately after tillage.

If a significant rainfall does not occur within 7 days after application, weed control may be decreased. If irrigation is available, apply $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch of water. If irrigation is not available, a uniform shallow cultivation is recommended as soon as weeds emerge.

² May require a tank-mix partner (e.g. atrazine) for control of heavy populations

Table 2. Weeds Controlled or Partially Controlled by Early Postemergence Applications of Acuron

Common Name	Scientific Name	Weed Rating ¹
Broadleaf Weeds		
Amaranth, Palmer	Amaranthus palmeri	С
Amaranth, Powell	Amaranthus powellii	С
Bedstraw, catchweed	Galium aparine	PC
Beggarweed, Florida	Desmodium tortuosum	С
Buckwheat, wild	Polygonum convolvulus	С
Buffalobur	Solanum rostratum	С
Carpetweed	Mollugo verticillata	С
Chickweed, common	Stellaria media	С
Cocklebur, common	Xanthium strumarium	С
Dandelion	Taraxacum officinale	PC
Deadnettle, purple	Lamium purpureum	С
Devil's-claw	Proboscidea louisianica	С
Galinsoga	Galinsoga parviflora	С
Hemp	Cannabis sativa	С
Henbit	Lamium amplexicaule	С
Horsenettle	Solanum carolinense	С
Horseweed (marestail)	Conyza canadensis	С
Jimsonweed	Datura stramonium	С
Kochia	Kochia scoparia	С
Lambsquarters, common	Chenopodium album	С
Mallow, Venice	Hibiscus trionum	С
Marestail	Hippuris vulgaris	С
Morningglory, ivyleaf/entireleaf	Ipomoea hederacea	С
Mustard, wild	Brassica kaber	С
Nightshade, black	Solanum nigrum	С
Nightshade, eastern black	Solanum ptycanthum	С
Nightshade, hairy	Solanum sarachoides	С
Pigweed, redroot	Amaranthus retroflexus	С
Pigweed, smooth	Amaranthus hybridus	С
Pokeweed	Phytolacca americana	С

Common Name	Scientific Name	Weed Rating ¹
Potatoes, volunteer	Solanum spp.	С
Purslane, common	Portulaca oleracea	С
Pusley, Florida	Richardia scabra	С
Radish, wild	Raphanus raphanistrum	С
Ragweed, common	Ambrosia artemisiifolia	С
Ragweed, giant	Ambrosia trifida	С
Sesbania, hemp	Sesbania exaltata	С
Shepherd's-purse	Capsella bursa-pastoris	С
Sida, prickly	Sida spinosa	С
Smartweed, ladysthumb	Polygonum persicaria	С
Smartweed, Pennsylvania	Polygonum pensylvanicum	С
Sunflower, common	Helianthus annus	С
Thistle, Canada	Cirsium arvense	С
Velvetleaf	Abutilon theophrasti	С
Waterhemp, common	Amaranthus rudis	С
Waterhemp, tall	Amaranthus tuberculatus	С
Grass Weeds		
Barnyardgrass	Echinochloa crus-galli	PC ²
Crabgrass, large	Digitaria sanguinalis	C ²
Foxtail, giant	Setaria faberii	PC ²
Signalgrass, broadleaf	Brachiaria platyphylla	C ²

A tank mix of AAtrex® with Acuron can provide additional control of certain emerged annual grass weeds. Refer to the AAtrex label for weeds controlled and other restrictions.

¹ C = Control, PC = Partial Control ²Apply before the weed exceeds 2 inches in height

ROTATIONAL CROPS

When Acuron is applied as directed on this label, follow the crop rotation intervals in Table 3. If Acuron is tank mixed with other products, follow the most restrictive product's crop rotation interval.

Do not rotate to food or feed crops other than those listed on this label.

Table 3. Time Interval Between Acuron Application and Replanting or Planting of Rotational Crop

Crop	Replant/Rotational Interval
Field corn	
Seed corn	<u>,</u>
Silage corn	Anytime ¹
Sweet corn	
Yellow popcorn	
Small grain cereals including wheat, barley and rye	4 Months
Cotton	
Dry beans ²	
Peanuts	
Potato	10 Months ^{5,6}
Rice	
Soybeans ^{3,4}	
Sorghum (all types)	
All other rotational crops	18 Months

¹ Do not reapply Acuron.

² This rotational interval applies only to areas west of US highway 83 in the states of Colorado and Nebraska: If Acuron was applied to ground that was under center pivot irrigation and the soil pH is greater than 6.5, dry beans can be planted 10 months following application.

³ Injury may occur to soybeans planted the year following application on soils having a calcareous surface layer if additional atrazine or atrazine-containing products are used.

⁴ In eastern parts of the Dakotas, KS, western MN, and NE, do not rotate to soybeans for 18 months following application if the combined atrazine rate applied was more than 2.0 lbs. a.i./A, or equivalent band application rate, or soybean injury may occur.

⁵ If applied after June 1, rotating to crops other than corn (all types) may result in crop injury.

⁶ In the High Plains and Intermountain areas of the West, where rainfall is sparse and erratic or where irrigation is required, use only when corn (all types) or sorghum is to follow corn, or a crop of untreated corn (all types) or sorghum is to precede other rotational crops.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

ADJUVANTS

When an adjuvant is to be used with this product, the use of an adjuvant that meets the standards of the Chemical Producers and Distributors Association (CPDA) adjuvant certification program is recommended.

Where Acuron is applied after the corn has emerged, a non-ionic surfactant (NIS) at 0.25% v/v (1 qt./100 gals.) may be used. The use of crop oil concentrate (COC) may result in temporary crop injury. If used, add COC at a rate not to exceed 1% v/v (1 gal./100 gals.) or not more than the equivalent of 1 qt./A. Do not use nitrogen based adjuvants (AMS or UAN) or methylated seed oil (MSO) with Acuron when applied alone to emerged corn, or when Acuron is applied as a postemergence tank mixture with other products, unless directed for a specific tank mix on this label or as part of a supplemental Acuron label. Any of these adjuvants may be used at a preemergence or preplant timing, i.e. where the corn crop has not yet emerged to increase burndown activity on existing weeds. Do not apply Acuron to emerged sweet corn or yellow popcorn or severe crop injury may occur.

For Acuron tank mixtures with Ignite® Herbicide applied to emerged field corn (LibertyLink® hybrids only), AMS may be added as directed on the Ignite label. However, AMS should be the only adjuvant added to this tank mixture, or severe crop injury may occur.

Sprinkler Irrigation: Do not apply Acuron by sprinkler irrigation. Use a sprinkler system only to incorporate Acuron after application. After Acuron has been applied, a sprinkler irrigation system set to deliver ½-1 inch of water may be used to incorporate the product. Using more than 1 inch of water could result in reduced performance. On sandy soil low in organic matter, use no more than ½ inch of water. Do not use flood irrigation to apply or incorporate Acuron.

CULTIVATION

Should weeds develop; a shallow cultivation or rotary hoeing will generally result in improved weed control. If Acuron was incorporated, cultivate less than half the depth of incorporation.

If cultivation is necessary due to soil crusting, compaction, or escaped weeds, adjust equipment to run shallow and minimize soil movement. This will decrease the possibility of diluting or moving the herbicide from the weed control zone.

SPRAY EQUIPMENT

Ground Application

Spray nozzles should be uniformly spaced, the same size and type, and should provide accurate and uniform application. Use spray nozzles that provide medium to coarse droplet size to avoid drift yet provide good coverage. Ensure that all in-line strainer and nozzle screens in the sprayer are 50-mesh or coarser. Use a pump that can maintain the manufacturer's recommended pressure at the nozzles and provide proper agitation within the tank to keep the product dispersed. Lower pressures may be used with extended range or drift reduction nozzles as long as adequate coverage is maintained. Always ensure that agitation is maintained until spraying is completed, even if stopped for brief periods of time. If the agitation is stopped for more than 5 minutes, re-suspend the spray solution by running on full agitation prior to spraying.

Preemergence: Apply in a spray volume of 10-80 gals./A.

Early Postemergence: Good weed coverage is essential for optimum weed control. Boom height for broadcast over-the-top applications should be based on the height of the crop – at least 15 inches above the crop canopy, but only high enough to give uniform coverage. Apply in a spray volume of 10-30 gals./A. When weed foliage is dense, use a minimum spray volume of 20 gals/A. Flat fan nozzles of 80° or 110° are recommended for optimum postemergence coverage. Do not use floodjet nozzles or controlled droplet application equipment for postemergence applications. Nozzles may be angled forward 45° to enhance penetration of the crop and provide better coverage.

Aerial Prohibition

Do not apply by air.

Spray Drift

Do not apply when weather conditions may cause drift to nontarget areas. Drift may result in injury to adjacent crops and vegetation. To avoid spray drift, DO NOT apply when the wind speed is greater than 10 mph or during periods of temperature inversions.

AVOIDING SPRAY DRIFT AT THE APPLICATION SITE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICATOR.

The interaction of equipment and weather related factors determine the potential for spray drift. The applicator is responsible for considering these factors when making a decision.

Information on Droplet Size

The most effective way to reduce spray drift potential is to apply large droplets. Use only nozzles producing medium to ultra coarse droplets. Do not use nozzles producing fine droplets.

Controlling Droplet Size

- Volume Use high flow rate nozzles to apply the highest practical spray volume.
 Nozzles with higher rated flows produce larger droplets.
- **Pressure** Do not exceed the nozzle manufacturer's recommended pressures. For many nozzle types, lower pressure produces larger droplets. When higher flow rates are needed, use higher rate nozzles instead of increasing pressure.
- **Number of Nozzles** Use the minimum number of nozzles that provide uniform coverage.

Application Height

Applications must be made at the lowest height above the target area that still provides uniform coverage of the target. Making applications at the lowest yet effective height reduces exposure of droplets to wind.

Wind

Drift potential is lowest when wind speeds are 10 mph or less. However, many factors, including droplet size, pressure, and equipment type determine drift potential at any given wind speed. **Note:** Local terrain can influence wind patterns.

Leave a 25-foot buffer downwind of the application to avoid drift to non-target areas. This buffer may be untreated corn rows or field border species maintained for this purpose.

Temperature Inversions

Applications must not occur during a temperature inversion because drift potential is high. Temperature inversions restrict vertical air mixing, which causes small suspended droplets to remain in a concentrated cloud. This cloud can move in unpredictable directions due to the light variable winds common during inversions. Temperature inversions are characterized by increasing temperatures with altitude and are common on nights with limited cloud cover and light to no wind. They begin to form as the sun sets and often continue into the morning. Their presence can be indicated by ground fog; however, if fog is not present, inversions can also be identified by the movement of smoke from a ground source or an aircraft smoke generator. Smoke that layers and moves laterally in a concentrated cloud (under low wind conditions) indicates an

inversion, while smoke that moves upward and rapidly dissipates, indicates good vertical air mixing.

Non-Target Areas

Do not apply this pesticide when the product may drift to non-target areas (i.e. residential areas, bodies of water, known habitat for threatened or endangered species, non-target crops).

Cleaning Equipment After Application

Special attention must be given to cleaning equipment before spraying a crop other than corn. Mix only as much spray solution as needed.

- 1. Flush tank, hoses, boom, and nozzles with clean water.
- 2. Prepare a cleaning solution of 1 gal. of household ammonia per 25 gals. of water. Many commercial spray tank cleaners may be used.
- 3. Use a pressure washer to clean the inside of the spray tank with this solution. Take care to wash all parts of the tank, including the inside top surface. If a pressure washer is not available, completely fill the sprayer with the cleaning solution to ensure contact of the cleaning solution with all internal surfaces of the tank and plumbing. Start agitation in the sprayer and thoroughly recirculate the cleaning solution for at least 15 minutes. All visible deposits must be removed from the spraying system.
- 4. Flush hoses, spray lines, and nozzles for at least 1 minute with the cleaning solution.
- 5. Dispose of rinsate from steps 1-3 in an appropriate manner.
- 6. Repeat steps 2-5.
- 7. Remove nozzles, screens, and strainers and clean separately in the ammonia solution after completing the above procedures.
- 8. Rinse the complete spraying system with clean water.

MIXING PROCEDURES

CARRIER

Preemergence Applications: Either clean water or liquid fertilizers, excluding suspension fertilizers, may be used as carriers for preemergence applications. If fluid fertilizers are used, a compatibility test must be done. See Compatibility Test section for compatibility testing. Even if Acuron is physically compatible with a fluid fertilizer, constant agitation is necessary to maintain a uniform mixture during application.

Postemergence Applications: Use only clean water as the carrier when applying Acuron after corn emergence. Do not apply Acuron to emerged sweet corn or yellow popcorn.

ADDING ACURON TO THE SPRAY TANK

The spray tank must be clean, thoroughly rinsed and decontaminated before adding either Acuron alone or with tank mix partners. If water is used as the carrier, use clean water.

Acuron Applied Alone: When Acuron is used alone, add the recommended amount of Acuron to the spray tank when the tank is half full of the carrier, then add the rest of the water or fluid fertilizer. Provide sufficient agitation during mixing and application to maintain a uniform mixture.

Acuron Applied in Tank Mixtures: Refer to the sections on this label for recommended tank mixes. Always refer to labels of the tank mix partners for mixing directions and precautions. Do not exceed label dosage rates, nor combined maximum seasonal doses for atrazine, bicyclopyrone, mesotrione, or S-metolachlor. This product cannot be mixed with any product bearing a label prohibition against such mixing. If a tank mixture is used, a compatibility test must be done. See Compatibility Test section for details on the procedure for such a test.

If the tank mix partner is compatible, fill the tank half full of the carrier. Start and continue agitation throughout mixing and spraying. All return lines to the spray tank must discharge below the liquid level. Prepare the components and add in the following order:

- 1. If a wettable powder or dry flowable formulation is used, make a slurry with water and add it slowly through the screen into the tank. Agitate during the procedure.
- 2. If a flowable formulation is used, add slowly through screen into the tank. Mixing and compatibility may be improved when a dry flowable is diluted with water before adding to the tank.
- 3. Add Acuron.
- 4. Add any other tank mix products next with emulsifiable concentrates added last.
- 5. Add an adjuvant last, if needed.
- 6. Complete filling the sprayer tank and continue agitation. Apply as soon as possible after spray mixture is prepared. Do not leave mixture in spray tank overnight without agitation or unattended.

TANK MIX COMPATIBILITY TEST

A compatibility test is recommended before tank mixing to ensure compatibility of Acuron with other pesticides. The following test assumes a spray volume of 25 gals/A. For other spray volumes, make appropriate changes in the ingredients.

Note: Nitrogen solutions or complete liquid fertilizers, excluding suspension fertilizers, may replace all or part of the water in the spray. Because liquid fertilizers vary, even within the same analysis, **always check compatibility with pesticide(s) before use.** Incompatibility of tank mixtures is more common with mixtures of fertilizer and pesticides.

Test Procedure

- 1. Add 1.0 pt. of carrier (fertilizer or water) to each of two 1 qt. jars with tight lids.

 Note: Use the same source of water that will be used for the tank mix and conduct the test at the temperature the tank mix will be applied.
- 2. To one of the jars, add 1/4 tsp. or 1.2 milliliters of a compatibility agent approved for this use, such as Compex or Unite (1/4 tsp. is equivalent to 2.0 pts./100 gals. spray). Shake or stir gently to mix.
- 3. To both jars, add the appropriate amount of pesticide(s) in their relative proportions based on recommended label rates. If more than one pesticide is used, add them separately with dry pesticides first, flowables next, and emulsifiable concentrates last. After each addition, shake or stir gently to thoroughly mix.
- 4. After adding all ingredients, put lids on and tighten, and invert each jar ten times to mix. Let the mixtures stand 15-30 minutes and then look for separation, large flakes, precipitates, gels, heavy oily film on the jar, or other signs of incompatibility. Determine if the compatibility agent is needed in the spray mixture by comparing the two jars. If either mixture separates, but can be remixed readily, the mixture can be sprayed as long as good agitation is used. If the mixtures are incompatible, test the following methods of improving compatibility: (a) slurry the dry pesticide(s) in water before addition, or (b) add 1/2 the compatibility agent to the fertilizer or water and the other 1/2 to the emulsifiable concentrate or flowable pesticide before addition to the mixture. If incompatibility is still observed, do not use the mixture.
- 5. After compatibility testing is complete, dispose of any pesticide wastes in accordance with the **Storage and Disposal** section in this label.

CROP USE DIRECTIONS

Acuron is to be used for preemergence use for control of most annual grass and broadleaf weeds in field corn, seed corn, silage corn, sweet corn and yellow popcorn. Acuron may also be applied early postemergence for the control of broadleaf weeds in field corn, seed corn and silage corn. Do not apply Acuron to emerged sweet corn or yellow popcorn or severe crop injury will occur.

See Table 1 and 2 for a list of weeds controlled.

Acuron Use Rate: The soil organic matter content of the field on which Acuron is to be applied must be known. On soils with greater than 10% organic matter, Acuron activity may be affected resulting in reduced or poor weed control.

Soil Organic Matter Content	Application rate ¹
<3%	2.5 qt/A
<u>></u> 3%	3.0 qt/A

¹ Do not exceed 3.0 gt/A of Acuron per year.

ACURON APPLIED ALONE

Early Preplant: Acuron may be applied up to 28 days prior to planting.

Preemergence Surface: Acuron may be applied to the soil surface as a broadcast or banded application.

Early Postemergence: Acuron may be applied after corn (for grain, seed, or silage) emergence. See the "**Adjuvants**" section of this label for specific recommendations. Do not apply early postemergence to corn in liquid fertilizer or severe crop injury may occur. Apply this treatment to small broadleaf weeds (less than 3 inches tall). Occasional corn leaf burn may result, but this will not affect later growth or corn yield. Do not apply Acuron to emerged sweet corn or yellow popcorn or severe crop injury may occur. Postemergence applications to corn must be made before crop reaches 12 inches in height.

This product will not provide consistent control of emerged grass weeds. For control of emerged grass weeds a grass herbicide tank mix may be required (see tank mix section of this label). Tank mixes of AAtrex can improve control of emerged annual grass and broadleaf weeds. Refer to the AAtrex label for weeds controlled and use restrictions.

If Bicep II Magnum®, Bicep Lite II Magnum®, AAtrex (atrazine), Dual Magnum®, or Dual II Magnum® alone or in tank mixtures have been applied early preplant, preplant surface, preplant incorporated, or preemergence, limit the Acuron early post application to not exceed a total of 2.5 lbs. of active ingredient of atrazine or 3.75 lbs. of Smetolachlor active per acre, or illegal residues may result.

Split Application: Acuron may be applied as a split application in corn (for grain, seed, or silage). For a split application program, apply $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the labeled rate of Acuron prior to crop emergence followed by a second Acuron application at $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the labeled rate as a post application after corn emergence. The total amount of Acuron applied in the split application program cannot exceed 2.5 qt/A in soils with <3% OM and cannot exceed 3.0 qt/A in soils with \geq 3% OM. Refer to the **Early Postemergence** section above for instructions on post emergence applications.

ACURON TANK MIX COMBINATIONS

Use of Spray Adjuvants with Tank Mixtures

When Acuron is used as a preemergence herbicide, and before weeds have emerged, spray adjuvants have little or no influence on performance. However, in burndown situations where the weeds have emerged and the corn has not, an adjuvant may be used with Acuron applied alone or when applied in tank mixture with a burndown herbicide as allowed on the individual product labels. Use only those adjuvants approved for agricultural crop use. See the "Adjuvants" section under "Application Procedures" for further instructions.

Burndown Combinations for Reduced Tillage Situations

In reduced or no-till corn and before the crop has emerged, Acuron tank mixes with Gramoxone brands or Touchdown brands (or other glyphosate products such as Roundup brands) will burndown emerged weeds. For best results, tank mixes of Acuron plus Gramoxone should be applied to emerged weeds that are 1-6 inches in height. Consult the Gramoxone, Touchdown brand, or glyphosate product label for further information on weeds controlled and application timings.

Preemergence Tank Mixtures Applied Before Corn Emergence

The tank mix partners listed in Table 4 may be used in either conventional, reduced, or no-till systems and be applied by the same methods and at the same timings as Acuron unless otherwise specified in the tank mix product label. Follow all tank mix product labels for use rates and restrictions. Perform a compatibility test prior to spraying the tank mix application. Tank mixtures with 2,4-D are allowed, but should only be done with extreme care with regard to ensuring compatibility before mixing a load. 2,4-D products, and even batches, vary greatly with regard to compatibility and should be checked each time a water or carrier source, water or carrier temperature, product source, or tank mixture recipe is changed.

Table 4: Tank Mixtures for Preemergence Applications with Acuron

Tank Mix	Rate (Max)	Objective
AAtrex or other solo Atrazine products	0.5-1.25 lbs. a.i./A	Improved broadleaf and grass weed control
Princep®	0.5-1.3 lbs. a.i./A	Improved broadleaf and grass weed control
Gramoxone brands	See product label	Burndown existing weeds
Touchdown brands	See product label	Burndown existing weeds
Roundup or other glyphosate brands	See product label	Burndown existing weeds
Warrior brands	See product label	To control insects, such as cutworm

Early Postemergence Tank Mixtures Applied After Corn Emergence

The tank mix partners listed in Table 5 may be used in conventional, reduced or no-till systems and can be applied by the same methods and at the same timings as Acuron unless otherwise specified in the tank mix product label. Follow all tank mix product labels for use rates and restrictions. Perform a compatibility test prior to spraying the tank mix application. Do not apply Acuron tank mixtures to emerged sweet corn or yellow popcorn.

Table 5: Tank Mixtures for Early Postemergence Weed Control with Acuron

Tank Mix ¹	Rate (Max)	Objective
AAtrex or other solo Atrazine	0.5-1.25 lbs. a.i./A	Improved broadleaf and
products		annual grass weed control
Warrior brands	3.84 fl. oz./A	To control insects, such as
		cutworm
Accent® Q	As per product label	Emerged grass control
Basis® brands	As per product label	Emerged grass control
Steadfast® Q	As per product label	Emerged grass control

¹Consult the "**Adjuvant**" section of this label for directions when applying Acuron alone or in tank mixture to emerged corn (for grain, seed, or silage).

Acuron Programs with Glyphosate in Glyphosate Tolerant Corn

Acuron may be applied early postemergence at a rate of 1.5-2 qts./A in tank mixture with a solo glyphosate product (e.g. Touchdown or Roundup brands) that is registered for use over-the-top in glyphosate tolerant field corn (e.g. Roundup Ready or Agrisure™ GT Corn). To minimize weed competition with the crop, target the application of this mixture to weeds in the 1 to 2 inch range. Do not apply this mixture to corn that is greater than 12 inches tall. If the glyphosate product has a built-in adjuvant system (i.e. the product label does not ask for additional adjuvant), only spray-grade ammonium

sulfate (AMS) at 8.5 lbs./100 gal should be added to this mixture. If the glyphosate product label calls for an adjuvant in addition to AMS, add a non-ionic surfactant (NIS) at 0.25% v/v and AMS to this spray mixture. Do not add urea ammonium nitrate (UAN), crop oil concentrate (COC), or methylated seed oil (MSO) type adjuvants to these mixtures, or crop injury may occur. Follow all directions for use and restrictions on the glyphosate product label.

Alternatively, Acuron may be applied preemergence at a rate down to 2 qts./A as part of a two-pass weed control system when followed by a postemergence application of a glyphosate based product in glyphosate tolerant corn (e.g. Roundup Ready or Agrisure GT Corn). When used in this way, Acuron will provide reduced competition of the weeds listed in Table 1 for a period of 30 or more days, thus improving the timing flexibility and effectiveness of the glyphosate based product application. Follow all directions for use and restrictions on the glyphosate product label.

Acuron may be applied preemergence at 1.25-1.5 qts./A as part of a two-pass weed control system when followed by Halex® GT post-emergence in glyphosate tolerant corn (e.g. Roundup Ready or Agrisure GT Corn). Follow all directions for use and restrictions on each product label.

Acuron Programs for LibertyLink Corn

Acuron may be applied early postemergence at a rate of 1.5 - 2 qts./A in tank mixture with Ignite and applied over-the-top in field corn designated as LibertyLink. To minimize weed competition with the crop, target the application of this mixture to weeds in the 1 to 2 inch range. Do not apply this mixture to corn that is greater than 12 inches tall. Ammonium sulfate (AMS) may be added as a spray adjuvant as directed on the Ignite label. However, AMS should be the only adjuvant added to this tank mixture. Do not add urea ammonium nitrate (UAN), crop oil concentrate (COC), non-ionic surfactants (NIS), or methylated seed oil (MSO) type adjuvants to these mixtures, or crop injury may occur. Follow all directions for use and restrictions on the Ignite product label.

Alternatively, Acuron may be applied preemergence at a rate down to 2 qts./A as part of a two-pass weed control system when followed by a postemergence application of Ignite in field corn designated as LibertyLink. When used in this way, Acuron will provide reduced competition of the weeds listed in Table 1 for a period of 30 or more days, thus improving the timing flexibility and effectiveness of the Ignite application. Follow all directions for use and restrictions on the Ignite product label.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal.

Pesticide Storage

Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Do not store near seeds, fertilizers, or foodstuffs. Keep away from heat and flame. Ground water contamination may be

reduced by diking and flooring of permanent liquid bulk storage sites with an impermeable material.

Pesticide Disposal

Open dumping is prohibited. Waste resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility. Rinse spray equipment. Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of as described above, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste Representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

Container Handling [equal to or less than 5 gallons]

Non-refillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Offer for recycling if available. Triple rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. Triple rinse as follows: empty the remaining contents into application equipment of a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Fill the container ¼ full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds. Pour rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begin to drip. Repeat this procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or, by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

For minor spills, leaks, etc. follow all precautions on this label and clean up immediately. Take special care to avoid contamination of equipment and facilities during cleanup procedures and disposal of wastes. In the event of a major spill, fire, or other emergency, call 1-800-888-8372, day or night. If the container is damaged and leaking or material has been spilled follow these procedures:

- 1. Cover spill with absorbent material.
- 2. Sweep into disposal container.
- 3. Wash area with detergent and water and follow with clean water rinse.
- 4. Do not allow to contaminate water supplies.
- 5. Dispose of according to instructions.

Container Handling [greater than 5 gallons]

Refillable container. Refill this container with pesticide only. Do not reuse this container for any other purpose. Cleaning the container before final disposal is the responsibility of the person disposing of the container. Cleaning before refilling is the responsibility of the refiller. To clean container before final disposal, empty the remaining contents from this container into application equipment or mix tank. Fill the container about 10 percent full with water. Agitate vigorously or recirculate water with the pump for 2 minutes. Pour or pump rinsate into application equipment or rinsate collection system. Repeat this rinsing procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or, by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

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RESTRICTED USE PESTICIDE (GROUND AND SURFACE WATER CONCERNS)

FOR RETAIL SALE TO AND USE ONLY BY CERTIFIED APPLICATORS OR PERSONS UNDER THEIR DIRECT SUPERVISION, AND ONLY FOR THOSE USES COVERED BY THE CERTIFIED APPLICATOR'S CERTIFICATION.

THIS PRODUCT IS A RESTRICTED-USE HERBICIDE DUE TO GROUND AND SURFACE WATER CONCERNS. USERS MUST READ AND FOLLOW ALL PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE POTENTIAL FOR ATRAZINE TO REACH GROUND AND SURFACE WATER.

Sale, use and distribution of this product in Nassau and Suffolk Counties in the State of New York is prohibited.

GROUP 5 15 27 HERBICIDES

Acuron Herbicide

A Herbicide for Control of Annual Grass and Broadleaf Weeds in Field Corn, Seed Corn, Silage Corn, Sweet Corn and Yellow Popcorn

Active Ingredients*:

S-Metolachlor: (CAS No. 87392-12-9)	23.40%
Atrazine**: (CAS No. 1912-24-9)	10.93%
Mesotrione: (CAS No. 104206-82-8)	2.60%
Bicyclopyrone: (CAS No. 352010-68-5)	0.65%
Other Ingredients:	62.42%
Total:	100.00%

^{*}Active ingredients per gallon: Atrazine 1.0 pound, Bicyclopyrone 0.06 pounds, Mesotrione 0.24 pounds and S-metolachlor 2.14 pounds.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

CAUTION

See directions for use in attached booklet.

AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR part 170. Refer to supplemental labeling under "Agricultural Use Requirements" in Directions for Use section for information about this standard.

EPA Reg. No. 100-XXXX

2.5 gallons 120 gallons 220 gallons 330 gallons ____ gallons[bulk]

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^{**}Atrazine with a maximum of 0.45% related triazines.

FIRST AID			
If swallowed	Call a Poison Control Center or doctor immediately for treatment		
	advice.		
	 Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. 		
	Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control		
	center or doctor.		
	Do not give anything to an unconscious person.		
If in eyes	Hold eye open and rinse slowly and gently with water for 15-20		
	minutes.		
	Remove contact lenses, if present, after the first 5 minutes, then		
	continue rinsing eye.		
	Call a Poison Control Center or doctor for treatment advice.		
If on skin or	Take off contaminated clothing.		
clothing	Rinse skin immediately with plenty of water for 15-20 minutes.		
	 Call a Poison Control Center or doctor for treatment advice. 		
If inhaled	Move person to fresh air.		
	If person is not breathing, call 911 or an ambulance, then give		
	artificial respiration, preferably by mouth-to-mouth, if possible.		
	Call a Poison Control Center or doctor for further treatment advice.		
Have the product container or label with you when calling a poison control center or			
doctor, or going	doctor, or going for treatment.		
	HOT LINE NUMBER		
For	²⁴ Hour Medical Emergency Assistance (Human or Animal)		
or Chemical Emergency Assistance (Spill, Leak, Fire or Accident),			
Call			
	1-800-888-8372		

PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS

CAUTION

Harmful if swallowed. Causes moderate eye injury. Avoid contact with eyes, skin, or clothing. Prolonged or frequently repeated skin contact may cause allergic reactions in some individuals.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Some materials that are chemical-resistant to this product are listed below.

Mixers, Loaders, Applicators and other handlers must wear:

- Coveralls over short-sleeved shirt and short pants
- Chemical-resistant gloves Category A (e.g. barrier laminate, butyl rubber, nitrile rubber, neoprene rubber, natural rubber, polyethylene, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or Viton®)
- Chemical-resistant footwear plus socks
- Chemical-resistant apron when mixing/loading, cleaning up spills, or cleaning equipment, or otherwise exposed to the concentrate
- Chemical-resistant headgear for overhead exposure.

See engineering controls for additional requirements

Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning/maintaining PPE. If no such instructions for washables exist, use detergent and hot water. Keep and wash PPE separately from other laundry. Discard clothing and other absorbent materials that have been drenched or heavily contaminated with this product's concentrate. Do not reuse them.

Engineering Control Statements

When applicators use closed systems or enclosed cabs in a manner that meets the requirements listed in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) for agricultural pesticides [40 CFR 170.240(d)(5)], the handler PPE requirements may be reduced or modified as specified in the WPS.

User Safety Recommendations Users should:

- Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco or using the toilet.
- Remove clothing/PPE immediately if pesticide gets inside. Then wash thoroughly and put on clean clothing.
- Remove PPE immediately after handling this product. Wash the outside of gloves before removing. As soon as possible, wash thoroughly and change into clean clothing.

Environmental Hazards

Do not apply directly to water, to areas where surface water is present, or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when disposing of equipment wash water or rinsate. This product contains atrazine, which has been shown to be toxic to aquatic invertebrates. Runoff and drift from treated areas may be hazardous to aquatic organisms in neighboring areas. Do not apply when weather conditions favor drift from treated areas.

Ground Water Advisory

Acuron contains the active ingredients atrazine, S-metolachlor, and bicyclopyrone.

Atrazine can travel (seep or leach) through soil and can enter ground water which may be used as drinking water. Atrazine has been found in ground water. Users are advised not to apply atrazine to sand and loamy sand soils where the water table (ground water) is close to the surface and where these soils are very permeable, i.e., well-drained. Your local agricultural agencies can provide further information on the type of soil in your area and the location of ground water.

S-metolachlor has the potential to leach through soil into ground water under certain conditions as a result of agricultural use. Use of this product in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow may result in ground water contamination.

Bicyclopyrone is known to leach through soil into ground water under certain conditions as a result of label use. This chemical may leach into ground water if used in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow.

Surface Water Advisory

This product has a high potential for reaching surface water via runoff for several months or more after application. A level, well-maintained vegetative buffer strip between areas to which this product is applied and surface water features such as ponds, streams, and springs will reduce the potential loading of bicyclopyrone from runoff water and sediment. Runoff of this product will be reduced by avoiding applications when rainfall or irrigation is expected to occur within 48 hours.

Mixing/Loading Instructions

Care must be taken when using this product to prevent back-siphoning into wells, spills, or improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixtures, or rinsates.

Check valves or antisiphoning devices must be used on mixing equipment.

This product must not be mixed/loaded or used within 50 ft. of wells, including abandoned wells, drainage wells, and sink holes. Operations that involve mixing, loading, rinsing, or washing to this product into or from pesticide handling or application equipment or containers within 50 ft. of any well are prohibited, unless conducted on an impervious pad constructed to withstand the weight of the heaviest load that may be positioned on or moved across the pad. Such a pad shall be designed and maintained to contain any product spills or equipment leaks, container or equipment rinse or wash water, and rain water that may fall on the pad. Surface water shall not be allowed to either flow over or from the pad, which means the pad must be self-contained. The pad

shall be sloped to facilitate material removal. An unroofed pad shall be of sufficient capacity to contain, at a minimum, 110% of the capacity of the largest pesticide container or application equipment on the pad. A pad that is covered by a roof of sufficient size to completely exclude precipitation from contact with the pad shall have a minimum containment capacity of 100% of the capacity of the largest pesticide container or application equipment on the pad. Containment capacities as described above shall be maintained at all times. The above specified minimum containment capacities do not apply to vehicles when delivering pesticide shipments to the mixing/loading site.

Additional State imposed requirements regarding well head setbacks and operational area containment must be observed.

This product must not be mixed or loaded within 50 ft. of perennial or intermittent streams and rivers, natural or impounded lakes and reservoirs. This product may not be applied within 66 ft. of the points where field surface water runoff enters perennial or intermittent streams and rivers or within 200 ft. from the edge of natural or impounded lakes and reservoirs. If this product is applied to highly erodible land, the 66 ft. buffer or setback from runoff entry points must be planted to crop, or seeded with grass or other suitable crop.

Tile-Outletted Terraced Fields Containing Standpipes

One of the following restrictions must be used in applying atrazine to tile-outletted terraced fields containing standpipes:

- 1. Do not apply this product within 66 ft. of standpipes in tile-outletted terraced fields.
- 2. Apply this product to the entire tile-outletted terraced field and immediately incorporate it to a depth of 2-3 inches in the entire field.
- 3. Apply this product to the entire tile-outletted terraced field under a no-till practice only when a high crop residue management practice is practiced. High crop residue management is described as a crop management practice where little or no crop residue is removed from the field during and after crop harvest.

Physical and Chemical Hazards

Do not use or store near heat or open flame.

[For 120, 220, 330 gallon and bulk]

CONDITIONS OF SALE AND LIMITATION OF WARRANTY AND LIABILITY

NOTICE: Read the entire Directions for Use and Conditions of Sale and Limitation of Warranty and Liability before buying or using this product. If the terms are not acceptable, return the product at once, unopened, and the purchase price will be refunded.

The Directions for Use of this product must be followed carefully. It is impossible to eliminate all risks inherently associated with the use of this product. Crop injury, ineffectiveness or other unintended consequences may result because of such factors as manner of use or application, weather or crop conditions, presence of other materials or other influencing factors in the use of the product, which are beyond the control of SYNGENTA CROP PROTECTION, LLC or Seller. To the extent permitted by applicable law, Buyer and User agree to hold SYNGENTA and Seller harmless for any claims relating to such factors.

SYNGENTA warrants that this product conforms to the chemical description on the label and is reasonably fit for the purposes stated in the Directions for Use, subject to the inherent risks referred to above, when used in accordance with directions under normal use conditions. To the extent permitted by applicable law: (1) this warranty does not extend to the use of the product contrary to label instructions, or under conditions not reasonably foreseeable to or beyond the control of Seller or SYNGENTA, and, (2) Buyer and User assume the risk of any such use. To the extent permitted by applicable law, SYNGENTA MAKES NO WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE NOR ANY OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY EXCEPT AS WARRANTED BY THIS LABEL.

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STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Do not contaminate water, food, or feed by storage or disposal.

Pesticide Storage

Keep container tightly closed when not in use. Do not store near seeds, fertilizers, or foodstuffs. Keep away from heat and flame. Ground water contamination may be reduced by diking and flooring of permanent liquid bulk storage sites with an impermeable material.

Pesticide Disposal

Open dumping is prohibited. Waste resulting from the use of this product may be disposed of on site or at an approved waste disposal facility. Rinse spray equipment. Pesticide wastes are acutely hazardous. Improper disposal of excess pesticide, spray mixture, or rinsate is a violation of Federal law. If these wastes cannot be disposed of as described above, contact your State Pesticide or Environmental Control Agency, or the Hazardous Waste Representative at the nearest EPA Regional Office for guidance.

Container Handling [equal to or less than 5 gallons]

Non-refillable container. Do not reuse or refill this container. Offer for recycling if available. Triple rinse container (or equivalent) promptly after emptying. Triple rinse as follows: empty the remaining contents into application equipment of a mix tank and drain for 10 seconds after the flow begins to drip. Fill the container ¼ full with water and recap. Shake for 10 seconds. Pour rinsate into application equipment or a mix tank or store rinsate for later use or disposal. Drain for 10 seconds after the flow begin to drip. Repeat this procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or, by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

For minor spills, leaks, etc. follow all precautions on this label and clean up immediately. Take special care to avoid contamination of equipment and facilities during cleanup procedures and disposal of wastes. In the event of a major spill, fire, or other emergency, call 1-800-888-8372, day or night. If the container is damaged and leaking or material has been spilled follow these procedures:

- 1. Cover spill with absorbent material.
- 2. Sweep into disposal container.
- 3. Wash area with detergent and water and follow with clean water rinse.
- 4. Do not allow to contaminate water supplies.
- 5. Dispose of according to instructions.

Container Handling [greater than 5 gallons]

Refillable container. Refill this container with pesticide only. Do not reuse this container for any other purpose. Cleaning the container before final disposal is the responsibility of the person disposing of the container. Cleaning before refilling is the responsibility of the refiller. To clean container before final disposal, empty the remaining contents from

this container into application equipment or mix tank. Fill the container about 10 percent full with water. Agitate vigorously or recirculate water with the pump for 2 minutes. Pour or pump rinsate into application equipment or rinsate collection system. Repeat this rinsing procedure two more times. Then offer for recycling if available or puncture and dispose of in a sanitary landfill, or by incineration, or, by other procedures allowed by state and local authorities.

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CONTAINER IS NOT SAFE FOR FOOD, FEED, OR DRINKING WATER!

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